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Applicant(s): Toshimichi Morikoshi, et al. Confirmation No.: 6831
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Final Official Action dated August 21, 2009, the applicant(s) respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks. Under 37 C.F.R. §1.7(a) when the last day to take action falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday within the District of Columbia, the action may be taken on the next succeeding business day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday, *i.e.*, November 23, 2009 without additional extension fees.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including the Declaration under 37 C.F.R. 1.132 by Mr. Futoshi Yokomizo and Mr. Yokomizo's *Curriculum Vitae* is attached following page 7 of this paper.